

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**(IN RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 26, 2007 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

This is the response to the Office Action issued on December 26, 2007  
in connection with the above-identified application.